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SUBJECT: YARG INTENTION TO ACCEPT SOVIET MILITARY AID

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1. GOE MAY BE EXPECTED BE DISTRUBED TO HEAR OF
REPORTED YAR PLANS TO TAKE SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND WOULD,
I AM SURE, URGE YARG NOT TO DO SO IF THIS INFORMATION CAME
TO ITS ATTENTION. GOE HAS FOR SOMETIME HAD TINGE OF
SUSPICION ABOUT YAR INTENTIONS ON THIS SCORE, AS EVIDENCED
BY MARWAN'S EXPRSSION OF CONCERN TO ME SOME MONTHS AGO ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET MILITARY AID OFFER. AT THE
TIME, I RECALL, WE DISCOUNTED THAT REPORT AND
I WAS INSTRUCTED SO INDICATE TO MARWAN. GOE
WAS DISTRUBED AT THE TIME AT YAR ACTION IN
POSTPONING FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE ARRIVAL OF

2. REPARA 10 REFTEL, YARG WOULD BE WELL ADVISED INFORM GOE OF ITS INTENTION. GOE MIGHT EVEN BE PREVAILED UPON URGE SAUDIS BE MORE RESPONSIVE SECRET

PROFFERED EGYPTIAN MILITARY ADVISORS.

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TO YAR ARMS REQUEST, FOR WHATEVER GOOD THIS MAY

DO. UNFORTUNATILY, I DO NOT SEE ANY REALLY EFFECTIVE WAY FOR YARG TO DO SO EVEN IF IT WISHED TO DO SO. YAR AMBASSADOR MESWARI IS, I GATHER, A POLITICAL EXILE AND I SHOULD THINK WOULD HARDLY BE ENTRUSTED WITH THIS DELICATE TASK. I DO NOT KNOW HOW CLOSE YARG DIALOGUE IS WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN SANA, BUT I WOULD IN ANY CASE DOUBT THAT YARG WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIM BEFORE TELLING SAUDIS. DOING SO WOULD PROBABLY BE DIRECT CONDUIT TO SAUDIS. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WHILE I RECOGNIZE DEPT'S DESIRE NOT TO GET OUT IN FRONT, IT SEEMS TO ME AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THAT IF WE WANT PREEMPTIVE GOE ADVICE TO BE GIVEN TO YARG, WE WILL HAVE TO ALERT EGYPTIAN TO WHAT SEEMS TO BE UP. WE COULD DO SO DISCREETLY THROUGH MARWAN OR FAHMY, SIMPLY INDICATING WITHOUT GIVING SOURCE THAT WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT YARG MAY BE PLANNING OBTAIN SOVIET ARMS AND INOUIRING IF GOE HAS ANY INFORMATION. MORE WE CAN TELL GOE, OF COURSE, THE BETTER. UNLESS EGYPTIANS HAVE ALREADY PICKED UP STORY THROUGH THEIR OWN ASSETS IN YAR, I SEE NOT OTHER FEASIBLE WAY TO ENGAGE EGYPTIANS RAPIDLY.

3. DECISION WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOE IS ONE FOR DEPT, IN CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR SCOTES, TO MAKE. I DO NOT KNOW WHERE MARWAN IS AT THE MOMENT, BUT IF DEPT WISHES ANYTHING SAID TO GOE, I AM SCHEDULED MEET WITH FAHMY AT 1100 LOCAL SUNDAY, JULY 6. EILTS

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